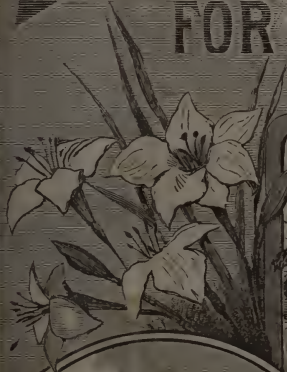


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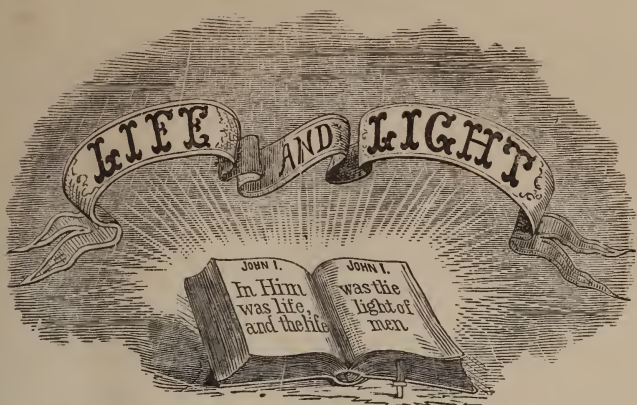
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### TURKEY.

#### REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE EASTERN TURKEY MISSION.

BY MISS C. E. BUSH.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE "W. B. M." AND "W. B. M. I.,"— "The churches of Asia salute you" through those in attendance on the annual meeting of the Eastern Turkey Mission, now convened in this place. These bright days of the most perfect month of the year find thirty-four Americans, young and old, assembled in this far Eastern city—a truly happy company in the rare social and religious privileges which we enjoy. There are present: Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and their little Robbie and Miss Powers, from Erzroom; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barnum and little Harry Barnum, from Van; Miss Mary Ely, from Bitlis; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey and their two children, Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie, Mr. Gates and Miss Pratt, from Mardin; and, as representatives of the Central Turkey Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and their daughter Mary and Miss Barnes, from Marash.

The sessions opened on the 8th. The first half-hour of each morning has been devoted to a prayer-meeting, and fifteen minutes before the afternoon sessions to a praise service. Friday morning was devoted to reports from the ladies of the Mission with regard to their department of the work; and these so filled our hearts to overflowing, that we all came into the ladies' prayer-

meeting in the afternoon with new aspirations, longings, and ambitions for the Master's service during the coming year, which found ready expression during the hour in which Mrs. Montgomery led our thoughts heavenward.

I must pass by all the enjoyments of our riding-hour each day, our table chats, tender seasons of family devotions, the large and enthusiastic gathering at the Junior Exhibition of the College, the Sophomore prize speaking, and our Sabbath, so full of interest, to direct your attention to a brief summary of what was reported from the different stations on work for women.

Mrs. Montgomery first gave us a most interesting account of the work in Central Turkey, a Young Woman's Christian Association in Marash being to us a new feature. We all have known for years how prosperous schools and work for women have been, and are, in that field, and have rejoiced with our sisters there in their great success.

Commencing at the south in our Mission, we find the girls' school at Mardin the center of our interest in that field. It contains thirteen boarders, one day-scholar, and four women, the wives of theological students there. Special attention has been paid this year to sewing in the school. The first class of last year is out in other cities and villages, teaching women and girls. Miss Sears and Miss Pratt have each been gone about half the year, attending to work in out-stations, traversing nearly the whole field in these tours. A gratifying improvement in the condition of women and schools was evident. Mrs. Andrus kindly aided in caring for the girls' school at Mardin during the absence of the teachers. This is yet a time of seed-sowing, and not of abundant harvesting, in the Mardin field.

At Van, a girls' school was started by Mrs. Reynolds, two and one-half years ago. The next year she was obliged, on account of failing health, to leave with her husband for a visit to America. Miss Charlotte Ely and one of her assistants at Bitlis generously spent six months at Van, during which time a marked growth in the school was evident, the number of scholars reaching forty-two. Since Miss Ely's departure, in the spring of 1881; Mrs. Barnum, in the midst of household cares, sickness, and most bitter affliction in the death of three children from scarlet fever in the brief space of two weeks, has bravely and determinedly "held the fort." There are fifteen scholars in the school, nine of whom are boarders. Three of these only are entirely supported by the "Board." There is one native teacher, and the wife of the preacher gives some lessons. The loneliness of this sorely-tried missionary brother and sister is soon, we hope, to be alleviated by the return of Dr. and

Mrs. Reynolds, bringing with them two lady teachers from America. With vigorous effort for the women of this city and field, we may hope that the whole work may make a new advance, rejoicing the hearts of all who have looked long and prayerfully in that direction for abundant harvests.

In Bitlis, the Misses Ely rejoice over the constant growth of their school and work among women in the city. For the latter, there are weekly prayer-meetings, well attended, and exhibiting progress in Christian zeal and knowledge. The women contribute their share toward the work of the Home Missionary Society of that field, most of the sisters giving a monthly contribution to that cause. In the school, all the pupils pay something toward their support, — not in money, but in wheat, rice, soap, and the like, — this school having for its glory the fact that, from the first, self-support was its corner-stone. The course of study carries them into Algebra, Geometry, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Botany, etc. Through the kindness of the Woman's Board of Missions, an addition is being put up which will double the accommodations of the girls' school; also much-needed desks are on the way, and will add greatly to the comfort of the pupils.

[*To be continued.*]

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## A LETTER FROM THE BIBLE-READER IN KILLIS.

TRANSLATED BY M. A. PROCTOR.

KILLIS, TURKEY, July 27, 1882.

MY DEAR MISS PROCTOR, — I have received your letter (Turkish love-paper), and understand its purport. I now send you some report of my work, which you can, if you please, forward to the president of your society.

The number of my pupils is thirty-five. Of these, eleven are married women, some of whom have three or four children.

Recently a woman, with three children, has begun to take lessons who from her girlhood has had a desire to learn to read, and now she is taking hold of it with great zeal. Last week she saw in a dream that two very nicely-dressed people were giving her lessons, and she was greatly delighted, and she has no doubt but that she will succeed in reading.

One woman who used to spend her days weeping, because she had no children, has now commenced with great longing and earnestness to read, that she may find comfort in the Word of God.

Many are waking up, and are waking each other up. Some of

them are not willing to pass over anything they read without understanding it. They ask questions again and again, and are much impressed. Others, however, only wish to get along without minding what they read. I often stop them and tell them to understand this first, and then pass on; and then I point out to them the promises of Jesus, and the love which he manifested for men, and his instructions and his prayers.

Some of the mothers say: "At least we are being somewhat filled with the Word of God." Would there had been such a custom as this long ago; how good it would have been!"

One mother often listens with tears to her daughter's lessons, and frequently exclaims: "Oh, you have redeemed our souls! We were walking in blindness and ignorance, and you have redeemed us and this family." And I answer: "No, my mother; who am I, that I should redeem you? There is one, even Jesus, who has redeemed us all from the power of the law and from the wages of sin."

Another mother often says: "It was because you could read and explain the Bible that I wished my daughter to learn to read. If only two words may remain in my heart, that is enough for me."

The Armenians here are very ignorant. To many of them it is an entirely new thing to hear the Word of God read in their homes. I remember that in my childhood it was so in Aintab, and this place is still full of spiritual blindness. When I meet a company of women in a house and read to them some suitable passage, they listen gladly, and sometimes they themselves invite me, saying, "Read to us, if you please; we are ready to listen," and when I read they seem much impressed.

I have now six pupils from the Catholics, with a prospect of more. Their priest tells them: "It is a good thing. Read; I am willing." Awhile ago one wished me to give her lessons from their catechism. I took the book and looked at it, and told her: "No; it would be a sin for me to read this book, and to give lessons from it, because it puts Mary in the place of Jesus, which is wholly opposed to the spirit of the gospel. You consider it an honor, but we consider it blasphemy." She slowly closed the catechism, and producing a book of Psalms, asked if I would give lessons from that. I told her the one who appointed me to teach them, especially wished me to teach the Gospel, so that they might become partakers of its glorious light; but I would teach her from the Psalms a few weeks, until she could get a Testament. She said her father was very desirous to own a Testament. They have since bought a large reference Testament, and she and her sister are both reading.

One has several times sent for me to come and give lessons; but I have answered decidedly that I could not, for her house is very far away, and my back is too weak to allow of my taking such long walks. She threatens to complain of me to the pastor, and says if it is on account of the weekly tuition that I do not come, she will pay double price.

Recently a young Catholic woman, a neighbor of one of my pupils, lost her child. It was her only one, and she had buried several before. They told me about her, and said she would never receive words of exhortation from any one. With much fear I went to call on her. Some fifteen women and young girls were gathered there. When I began to speak to them they listened attentively, and as I quoted passage after passage from the Word of God, as the verses came to my mind, the woman who had lost her child wept freely as she listened. She knew how to read; and when I told her that she never could find comfort until she found it in reading the Word of God, and accepting the consolation of the Holy Spirit, her sister, a young girl, spoke up and said: "Yes, yes; that is true; I am persuaded that this is the only remedy. My sister, give good attention to these words. This is a day of tears. We could not comfort you with our words, but see with what cool water she has sprinkled your heart;" and they all seemed very grateful for my call.

In conclusion, let me say that these eyes of mine have seen great good from this work during the year past, and are seeing it every day. I am often reminded of what you once wrote me, "Would that I had four hands and four feet, that I might fulfill the desire of my heart in this work." But, alas! I am obliged to withdraw even my two hands and my two feet from it. God knows that I do not choose to do this, but my health is really too poor for me to continue this work. Let me take a vacation this year, and then, if God gives me strength, I will take it up again. Some of my pupils were greatly troubled because I am going to leave them: but since your letter came I tell them not to fear; they will have a good teacher in Sara Varshoohi.

Please give my *salām* to the President of your Board, and charge her not to forget this town, but rather, if possible, to grant two Bible-readers, for there is work enough for two. May God bless those who contribute for this Board, and increase yet more their love and interest, and may he raise up many laborers to work in his vineyard.

Begging that you will pray for this place, I remain, with good wishes for your health, your friend and pupil,

TOORFANDA DEMIRJIAN.

## CHINA.

## THE TUNGCHO WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A recent letter from Miss Andrews contains the following:—

I WRITE to-day in behalf of our Tungcho Woman's Missionary Society. We wish to become auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions, and the experiment of the past nine months has proved that we can raise the necessary amount of money. I inclose the report of the secretary, Chuen Tochia (Dorcas Chuen), with its translation. If it does not read just like an ordinary report, please bear in mind that the young woman who prepared it—the wife of one of our young helpers, and a former pupil in the Bridgman School—had never before prepared a report, or even heard one. It is in her own handwriting. She is the only one belonging to the society who can write, though all can read more or less. She asked that her husband might be allowed to copy it, as she did not write very well; but I urged her to do it herself, and she consented.

You will notice that the report is for nine months only, instead of a year. The explanation of that is, that the society was formed at the same time with another one, which is made up principally of the students of our boys' school and training-school. As that society is broken up during the summer vacation, it seemed best that the year of both societies should begin hereafter with the re-opening of the school, Sept. 1st. Future reports will be for a full year. I inclose also an order for \$10.83 in gold,—the equivalent of \$11.52 in silver,—the sum contributed during the nine months.

As the report states, the women decided at their last meeting that they should like the money used to help support a Bible-reader in India. I wrote of the formation of these societies last winter. We feel very strongly that it has been a good thing for our little church, nearly all the members belonging to one or the other of the societies. The information about other heathen lands has interested them deeply, seeming to open a new world to them. They look forward with eager interest to the meetings, and are unwilling to be absent from a single one. The contributions, too, have cost some self-denial, as our people are poor, and that has done them good. We do not regret the time and labor which the enterprise has cost us. We have no thought of giving it up, but rather commence the work of the new year with new courage and hope.

We give one page of the original report, leaving to the imagination of our readers just what part of it is in this particular page.



第一論即度國的事 第九論我們商議所捐的錢要幫助即度國

一個傳道的人

第二論希蘭島的事

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第七論美國傳道的事起頭

第八論聖經傳道的事



吉祥如意 葉恒泰

The following is a translation of the report, which is on three different colors of Chinese paper:—

TRANSLATION OF THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TUNGCHO  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

“In the 7th year of the Emperor Kuang Hsii, the 11th moon, 10th day (Dec. 26th, 1881), we, the women of the Tungcho Church, formed a little missionary society. We planned to meet together at the close of each month (the last Friday) to talk of the work of preaching the truth, which those who love the Lord are doing in all lands, and of its results, that we, hearing of these things, might be led to desire to help by giving money for the Lord's work, and so each one of us have a part in that work.

“At that time, all who desired to join the society gladly promised to help to the utmost extent of our ability. Fourteen joined at that time (that is, of the Chinese), and two were chosen for secretary and treasurer. There were also four of the foreign ladies—Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Sheffield, Miss Andrews, and Miss Evans—who were glad to join us, and, wishing to help the contributions, promised to give themselves as much as we should contribute. Our objects in forming the society were: 1st, To become acquainted with the condition of all lands; and, 2d, To awaken in our own hearts a desire to help others. So the society was formed with eighteen members (including the foreign ladies), and we have held nine meetings, the contributions amounting in all to twenty-five tian, six hundred and ninety cash (\$11.52). We have had the following subjects at our meetings: 1st, ‘India;’ 2d, ‘Ceylon;’ 3d, ‘Africa;’ 4th, ‘Turkey;’ 5th, ‘Japan;’ 6th, ‘The Zulu Mission in Africa;’ 7th, ‘The formation of the American Board, with an account of the Woman's Boards and children's societies;’ 8th, ‘Bible Foreign Missions;’ 9th, ‘What disposal to make of our money.’ We decided to help support a Bible-reader in India.”

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## Young People's Department.

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### STIRRING UP THE GIFTS.

ONE Sabbath our minister preached from the words, “Stir up the gift of God which is in thee” (2 Timothy, i. 6); and after a brief explanation of the import of the words as they were originally spoken, made use of them to deliver a forcible and pointed dis-

course concerning the duty of all persons to make the most of their talents in God's service.

The next day several ladies of the congregation happening to meet at Mrs. Lyle's, they fell to talking about the sermon, which had rather stirred them up. Very likely this is what the minister expected, or, at least, hoped for.

"Well," said Mrs. McKinlay, "I don't know that I have any gifts to stir up."

"You wouldn't like any one else to say that," remarked sharp Minnie Lyle.

Mrs. McKinlay laughed good-naturedly. "No, I don't suppose I should; but what I mean is, that though I may have a kind of a knack about some things, I have no decided talents — nothing you could call a gift."

"But your kind of a knack is the very thing," exclaimed Miss Lansing, eagerly. "You know Dr. — said in his sermon that all endowments and qualities of every kind which God bestows upon us are gifts. Personal attractiveness, graces of body or mind, acquisitions of wealth, knowledge, or skill, places of power and influence, he regarded as gifts which we are to use for God's glory."

"That is all very true," said Mrs. Lyle; "but we may have some of these gifts and yet they may not be available; for some reason or other we may not be able to make use of them."

"That is exactly where part of the 'stirring up' comes in," replied Miss Lansing. "We must make them available. We must shape them so that they will fit in where they are needed. I will read you something else the doctor said, for I took some notes. He said: 'It is necessary also that we develop our gifts. All the forces with which God endows Christian life are susceptible of growth, culture, enlargement.' Then, again: 'To stir up the gift which is in thee is to obtain all information, obey all rules, improve all opportunities, acquire all arts, do all work, lay hold of all advantages and facilities by which your own life may be made happier and stronger, and your efforts for the world more successful.'"

"O, yes," said Mrs. Lyle; "it's very easy to stand up in the pulpit and say all that, but it isn't so easy to put it into practice."

"I don't know about that," said Bessie Lansing. "When one is very much interested in anything, it is wonderful how all the energies of one's body and soul are brought to bear on that object."

"I suppose, Miss Bessie, you think gifts and every thing else ought to be stirred up in behalf of foreign missions; that's your hobby," said Mrs. Lyle.

"Yes," answered Bessie, brightly; "and I don't know of any gift which cannot be turned to some account in that work. It takes in everything."

"Now, I'm sure," said Miss Dawes, "there's nothing I can do. Foreign missions are not in my line at all. I can take an interest in Dorcas societies and ward committees, but the other is so far away."

"Far away!" exclaimed Bessie, with shining eyes. "Far away, when people in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Omaha, and people in Tokio, Allahabad, and Corisco are pouring out their hearts in letters to each other; when our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, and dearest friends are preaching and teaching in all parts of the world; when workers at home and workers abroad are always praying for each other! It isn't far away! It's the very nearest thing!"

"Well," said Miss Dawes, breaking the short silence which followed what Bessie had said; "I should like to help in the work if I felt there was anything I could do."

"I'll tell you," said Bessie; "just go to a good branch meeting, or to a meeting of some wide-awake auxiliary, and get stirred up yourself. Then you'll soon begin to search around for gifts, and you'll find them."

"Tell me one," laughed Miss Dawes.

"I have heard that you write the most delicious little notes to your friends."

"Why, no indeed!" disclaimed Miss Dawes, yet blushing with pleasure. "And even if I do—if people think so—how is that going to help on the missionary cause?"

"Easily enough. You can in that way interest people in the work. Tell them about such a good meeting; then the next time they will want to *go*, and then they will want to *do*. The thing is to give them a start. Laura Forbes told me it was because of a spicy little note she received from you, telling about Prof. Widner's lectures on Rome, that she was induced to attend them, and became so interested that now she is deep in the study of ancient history;—much better for her than reading so many novels."

"I am glad you told me that," Miss Dawes said, looking pleased; and the Machiavellian Bessie felt sure she had touched the right spring.

"Bessie and I were just saying the other day," remarked Miss Lansing, "that many things ladies do now can be turned to such good account in missionary work. For instance: many ladies are studying elocution—having their voices trained, and becoming good readers. Now, when so much of interest in the work is

created and kept up by means of the various meetings which are held, this kind of training comes in very good place. Then music is such an important feature, and in every little circle there are ladies who can sing and play, and know how to select appropriate music. There are ladies, too, who have great gifts in the way of organizing and directing; so, other things being equal, they are the very ones to have charge of bands and circles."

"Yes," said Mrs. Lyle; "it's a very good work, and I hope you young people will do all you can; but I can hardly be expected to take much part. When a woman gets to be forty-five or fifty she naturally feels like leaving all such things to her daughters."

"I do not feel so," remarked Mrs. Reed, who, in her quiet way, was a devoted "foreign worker." "I want to do something myself, and forty-five or fifty is too soon to retire. One may look forward to twenty or thirty years of life; and what wonderful years the next twenty or thirty are going to be in mission work! I shouldn't want to be left out."

"Nor I," burst in Bessie, half crying; "just when everything is coming true, too!"

"Coming true?" questioned one of the ladies.

"Well, being fulfilled. When deserts are 'blossoming like the rose,' and 'nations are being born in a day,' and the knowledge of the Lord is spreading and spreading, it's just sublime to be allowed to help a little!"

"I dare say it would spread a good deal faster if we all had your enthusiasm," said Mrs. Lyle, with a half sigh.

"It's one of my gifts. I don't hesitate to claim it; and I'm going to keep stirring it up all the time."

"My particular gift is fancy-work," said Minnie. "Does that come in in foreign missions, Bessie?"

"Comes in splendidly! You can make some money that way."

"Not very much," said Minnie, with a slight shrug.

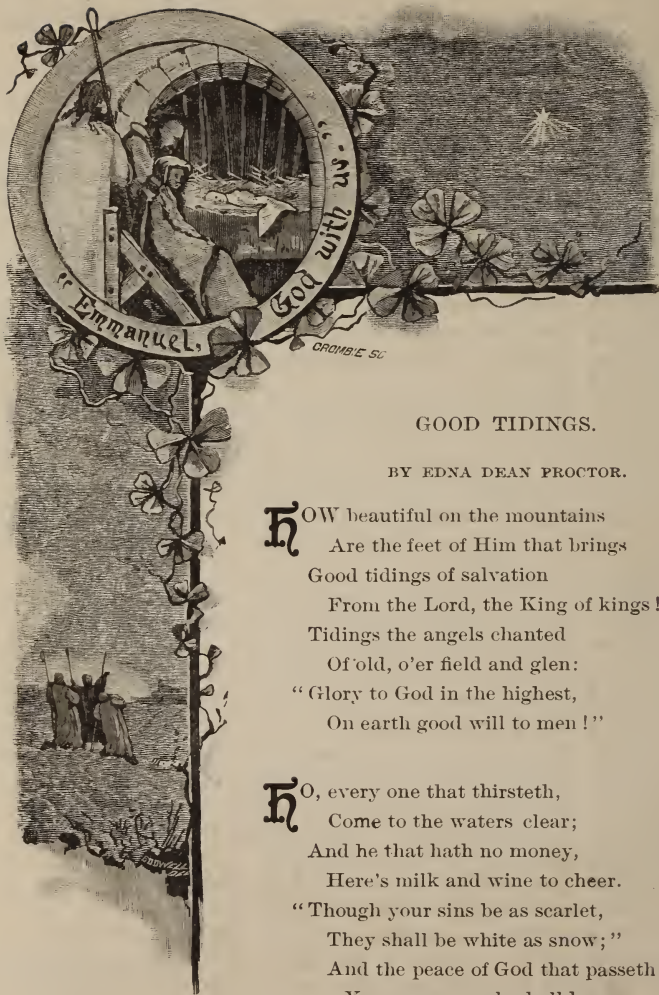
"You hardly expect a woman who is shut up in the house the most of the time, taking care of five small children, to do anything in your favorite work," said Mrs. McKinlay.

"She can train up the five small children to be missionaries."

"Oh no; not that!" said Mrs. McKinlay, shuddering.

"I declare, Bessie, I never saw such a girl in my life!" exclaimed Minnie. "I believe if a woman was bound hand and foot and chained to a dungeon floor, you would think she could do something for missions."

"She could pray," said Bessie, softly. "'Thy kingdom come' can be heard from the lowest depths of the darkest dungeon."



## GOOD TIDINGS.

BY EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

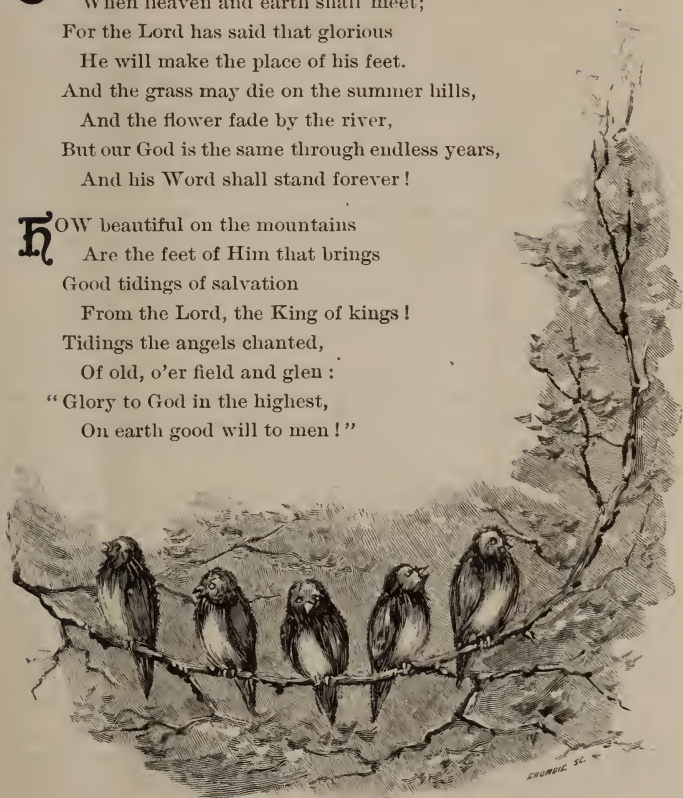
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Are the feet of Him that brings  
Good tidings of salvation  
From the Lord, the King of kings!—  
Tidings the angels chanted  
Of old, o'er field and glen:  
“Glory to God in the highest,  
On earth good will to men!”

**H**O, every one that thirsteth,  
Come to the waters clear;  
And he that hath no money,  
Here's milk and wine to cheer.  
“Though your sins be as scarlet,  
They shall be white as snow;”  
And the peace of God that passeth thought  
Your weary souls shall know.

**H**ERALD, while we listen,  
We hail the blessed day  
When every race, and tribe, and tongue  
Shall hear thee and obey;  
When the desert and the wilderness  
As Sharon's plains shall be,  
And the love of the Lord shall fill the earth  
As the waters fill the sea.

**T**HROUGH storm and sun the age draws on  
When heaven and earth shall meet;  
For the Lord has said that glorious  
He will make the place of his feet.  
And the grass may die on the summer hills,  
And the flower fade by the river,  
But our God is the same through endless years,  
And his Word shall stand forever!

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# Our Work at Home.

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## THE COMING YEAR.

ONCE more we stand on the threshold of another year. As we look into the future, only dim uncertainties, shadowy possibilities, unknown events and opportunities meet our eager gaze. Of one thing only can we be certain: our Father will have a work for us to do inevitably greater, as it seems to us, than ever before. Year by year this woman's work for woman in heathen lands opens wider and wider, till we begin to tremble at its vast expanse, its possibilities, and the consequent responsibilities resting upon those who are trying to meet its needs. Yet these needs are those of success; they are what we have been laboring and praying for all these fifteen years. And shall we shrink from the success of our labors — the answer to our prayers? Like Hannah of old, can we not say, "For this I prayed, and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him;" and like her may we have the grace to assume whatever comes upon us in the answer. In fulfilling her petition she calmly and hopefully gave her first-born son in his tender years to the service of the Lord; and so we may be called to make great sacrifices in the year that lies before us.

Just what presents itself to us at the outset is this: The Secretaries of the American Board have asked to depend upon us for one hundred thousand dollars in the regular work — fifteen thousand more than ever before. This does not include any new work that may arise during the year, special demands for buildings, or new missioneries, or the various incidentals — all of which amount usually to at least ten thousand dollars. This must be our lowest aim for the year in the way of money — one hundred and ten thousand dollars. This is a great work, and will require untiring labor from all our co-workers. We hope there is not one who will deceive herself with the thought that this can be done without her own personal effort. We believe that the gifts of money are the results of efforts in other directions. We believe that the first endeavor should be made to extend the knowledge of our work; next, to create an interest in it; and, last, to collect the gifts, which will come naturally and easily where there is real, vital interest. We believe, also, that these objects may be obtained best through organized effort; and we wish to ask that added strength and



vigor may be given to all our organizations, large and small; that the branches may be strengthened by the addition of new societies, and the greater helpfulness of the old ones; and that auxiliaries and mission circles may receive many new members, and that the older ones may renew their youth—may return to the ardor of their first love. We see plainly that this new life must begin first in the auxiliaries, and there we meet the necessity of individual effort. It is the same old story of personal appeal and persuasion, personal instruction and influence, personal sacrifice and ceaseless labor; but we know of no other way. We believe that this is the way in which the work of the world must be carried on. The officers and the burden-bearers in these societies will not come down from heaven; they must be found among ourselves. The societies will not run of themselves; the motive power behind them must be steady and strong; the wheels within wheels must be kept well oiled and smoothly running. We cannot gather money from the ground, in the early morning, like the "small round thing" which so astonished the ancient Israelites; it must be sought carefully, and often with painful effort. All this will require much patient, persevering labor from somebody. From whom?

We long for some kind of dynamite pen that would write words which should have the power to rouse the great mass of church-members who are indifferent to the work of foreign missions. We are constantly surprised at the number of those who seem to feel, in some mysterious way, that they are released from all obligation in this department of work for their Master. Possibly they would not actually say as did the old minister to young Cary, "Sit down, young man, sit down! When God wishes to convert the heathen, he will do so without the aid of you or me;" but, to all intents and purposes, they act upon the same principle. They seem to be quite sure that it does not concern them in any way. They often take the words "Thy kingdom come" upon their lips, but, to all appearances, the real prayer of the heart is, "Let Thy kingdom come, but let it come without any effort of mine." "Let the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth, and let him reign whose right it is, but let some one else try to bring it about." They are lovely Christians and earnest workers, we doubt not, but this part of the vineyard does not reach their hearts. If we were to make an appeal to them in these pages, it would meet their eyes only by the merest chance. But we do wish to appeal to those who are thoroughly interested in our Board, to use their personal influence upon these indifferent ones. We know your works, dear friends, how you have "borne," and "had patience," and "labored," and "not fainted;" and we confess to a reluctance to ask anything

more from those who already seem to be doing their utmost, but want to propose to you that your effort for this year shall take this form. It is said that one-tenth of the Christians in the world do nine-tenths of the Christian work. So long as this is so we cannot wonder that it goes halting as it does. One person brought from indifference to a thorough interest, is a good deed accomplished. Its effect does not stop there. The one who is gained will interest others, and they in turn will influence still others; and so it will go on in ever widening circles till it reaches the shores of eternity.

May we be permitted to say a few words just here to those who are partially interested? We want to ask you to do a little more for foreign missions the coming year than ever before. You believe in them. You think the Woman's Board is a very fine organization, and you rejoice that women have accomplished so much. You give your dollar a year, and you are glad to do it. You think you will go to the auxiliary meetings, but for some reason it is hardly ever quite convenient: you find it very hard to leave your "knife-pleating," your shopping, your family cares, your social duties. Now and then there comes a meeting when there is no reason why you should not go; but if you do go you may be called upon to take part, and you really do not feel equal to it this afternoon, and so you stay away. In this way it happens that you do not go to the meetings more than once or twice a year.

You take the *Life and Light* and the *Missionary Herald*, and you intend to read them, of course, but it is not often that you find time to do it. You take them up, perhaps, when they come, and glance idly over the pages. If a bright or unusual expression catches your eye you stop and read a few minutes, but the ideas gained from it are very vague; you do not know who the writer is, where she lives, or what she has ever done. The next article may be rather statistical, showing, perhaps, a wonderful record of what has been accomplished under most trying circumstances; but you do not know the circumstances—you have not read the other articles from the mission, and know nothing that has gone before. The next time the missionary magazine comes you do not open it at all; you have so much other reading you do not have time. You can hardly wait to cut the leaves of *Harper's* or the *Century* to see how the people are coming on in "Through One Administration," or "A Modern Instance;" but the simple story of real heartaches, and struggles, and triumphs of real people seems so tame beside these brilliant fictions!

Now, dear friends, we want to ask better things of you the

coming year. Can you not make it a point to go to the auxiliary meeting? Can you not plan for it during the week as you do for the Sabbath services and the weekly prayer-meeting, and make other duties bend to it? You surely cannot honestly say that it will be impossible to plan so as to secure an hour or two in the month for the auxiliary meeting. We predict that if you attend regularly, you will be surprised to find how interesting it grows. You will be surprised to find how many items there are in the daily papers and your general reading that bear upon the country or subject which you are considering; and if you take the pains to treasure them in your memory for the next meeting, you will soon find how easy it is to "take a part" in the exercises. May we not ask, also, that you will take the pains to inform yourself of the nature, the needs, and the progress of the work of our Board. Do not turn away from it because it is not interesting. What Christian woman would excuse herself from reading the letters of the first great missionary to the Gentiles, or the Acts of the Apostles, because she did not think them interesting? Would she not rather, with maps and reference-books, study into his journey, the customs of the people among whom he went, his trials, his perils by land and by sea, and his triumphs? Having done this, how her heart thrills with his victorious cry: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." It is this very same gospel that the missionaries of to-day, with honorable women not a few, are trying, at the command of the very same Lord, to preach and teach in heathen lands. Is it not a duty, as well as a privilege, to be informed as to their progress, to sympathize in their sorrows and discouragements, and rejoice in the wonderful works of our God among the children of men?

Above all, we wish to ask of every one—the indifferent, the half-hearted, the whole-souled workers—for more prayer. Surely there is not a Christian woman in our churches who will say that she cannot or ought not to pray for foreign missions. We want earnest, specific, continued prayer. We want "the 'wrestling' of Jacob—'I will not let thee go, except thou bless me;' and the 'panting' and 'pouring out of soul' of David—'I cried day and night: my throat is dry with calling upon my God;' and the importunity of the Syrophenician woman, with her 'Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs;' and the persistency of Bartimeus, crying out the 'more a great deal,' 'Have mercy on me;' and the strong crying and tears of our Lord, 'If it be possible—if it be possible!' May we not ask this service of every one?"

# In Memoriam.

BY L. A. H. BUTLER.

MRS. MARGARET M. CHAPIN.

The wearisome storm had ended  
With the darkness of the night,  
And over the world, in glory,  
Poured floods of the sun's glad light.  
In the peaceful calm of morning,  
With the glow of the soft, bright day,  
She saw the King in his beauty,  
In the land so far away.

Painful and long was the journey  
That led her to rest at last,  
And heavy the shade of parting,  
So oft o'er her spirit cast.  
Though firmly in God faith trusted,  
Flesh quivered in every part,  
As slowly earth's close-wound tendrils  
Unloosed from her loving heart.

But on, through the pain and shadow,  
Close down to the Jordan's strand,  
The flag of her Master's service  
Still waved from her loyal hand  
As firmly as when above her  
Its colors were first unfurled,  
And the pledge of her young life given  
For God and a sinful world.

Its pure folds had floated o'er her  
Afar on that northern shore,  
Where, gladly to savage natures,  
The message of life she bore.  
Its leadings had still been followed  
As back, 'neath a softer sky,  
The love of her heart for woman,  
Made anxious and longing cry.

But now she hath ceased from labor,  
Hath passed from the earthly strife,  
And, faithful to death, been given  
The crown of eternal life.  
But the work that is left behind her!  
The fields for the harvest white!  
The souls that await, in darkness,  
Some hand that shall lead to light!

Oh woman at ease in Zion,  
Arise; this is not your rest!  
Go follow her faithful leadings,  
And thou shalt, like her, be blest.  
Thy work in the Master's vineyard,  
Thy substance, thy prayers, give free;  
Like her, show, by loving service,  
What Jesus hath done for thee.

BRAINTREE, MASS.

## In Memoriam.

### MRS. BENJAMIN F. BATES.

Died in Boston, on Friday, Nov. 3, 1882.

AFTER a long and painful illness, the beloved Treasurer of the Woman's Board passed from death to life, and another valued worker is taken from our sight.

“Servant of God, well done:  
Rest from thy loved employ:  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy.”

Being blessed with Christian parents, Mrs. Bates' childhood was passed under the strongest religious influences, which naturally and sweetly developed her spiritual nature. As a consequence of this early training she consecrated herself to her Saviour when quite young, and openly professed her allegiance to him who had always been to her an “elder Brother.” With this consecration her whole soul went out to her Lord, and her energetic spirit was never at a loss for active labor in his service. In the city of New York, where much of her early life was passed, she was a willing helper in church-work and mission-schools of various kinds, throwing into these efforts the same brightness and enthusiasm that characterized her more important work in later years.

With this preparation, when she came to Boston as the wife of one of its strongest business men, she was ready to enter heartily into the many charities that so abound in our city. When the Woman's Board was formed, in 1868, she was made one of its first directors, and for five years gave efficient service in that capacity. At the end of the five years occurred the death of the first Treasurer of the Board, Mrs. Homer Bartlett. This was a sad blow to the Society in its infancy, and the memorial services, which took the place of the usual May meeting, were peculiarly impressive. The following words of Mrs. Wright, who offered resolutions, went to the hearts of all present:—

“Let those who have money be stimulated by her liberality, and give as God hath blessed them; those who have enthusiasm, communicate it; those who have influence, use it; those to whom God has given power in prayer, pour forth their souls in their closets; and those who have words of encouragement and cheer, utter them in our midst. Thus may the seed sown in the burial of this dear, mortal body spring again into newness of spiritual life, the harvests of which shall not be measured, or fully gathered, until we

meet together, redeemed, around the throne of Him to whom the ends of the earth shall be given for his inheritance."

No one was more moved at the meeting than she who was to be Mrs. Bartlett's successor; and when the choice fell upon her, she received it as a call from her Lord; and pledging herself to a new consecration to his service, she accepted it simply and quietly, holding herself ready, without reserve, to do whatever the office required. Mrs. Bates came to this service in the prime of her womanhood, and, like her predecessor, brought to it talents, wealth, social influence, enthusiasm, and devotion. Since that time her bright presence has been an inspiration in dark days and in fair; her winning manner in adjusting any questions connected with the treasury, has been a power over all with whom she came in contact; while her business-like and dignified bearing, without a suspicion of sharpness or angularity, commanded their respect. For seven years her warm heart, her clear judgment, her readiness in emergencies, her willing, devoted service, made her a tower of strength in our Board. Her love for it was very strong, and her loyalty unwavering. The last gathering of friends which she attended was in connection with the departure of one of its officers; and one of the great disappointments in the last weeks of her life was that a special illness kept her from being present at a meeting of the Executive Committee, as she had intended. To its President she turned in the hour of its extremity, when she knew that death was near, and her last message was a word of love for the ladies of the Board.

The last four years of Mrs. Bates' life were fraught with heavy trials, not the least of which was constant ill health. But her brave, strong spirit shone through them all bright and serene, and her great energy kept her at her post, fulfilling her duties when many others would have faltered by the way. As in life, so at the last, at the call of her Lord she laid down her life, simply and trustingly submitting to his will; and placing her hand in his, she passed the dreaded portal to everlasting life. Once again we say of a Treasurer of the Woman's Board:—

"Her few brief hours of conflict past,  
She finds with Christ deep rest at last;  
She breathes in tranquil seas of peace,  
    God wipes away her tears; she feels  
    New life, that all her languor heals;  
The glory of the Lamb she sees.

"A shoreless ocean, an abyss  
Unfathomed, filled with good and bliss,  
Now breaks on her enraptured sight:  
    She sees God's face; she learneth there  
    What this shall be, to be his heir,—  
Joint heir with Christ, her Lord, in light."

NOVEMBER MEETING.

THE usual quarterly meeting of the Board, held in the chapel of Park-Street Church, Boston, Nov. 7th, was largely a memorial service with reference to two officers of the Society— Mrs. Benj. E. Bates and Mrs. F. P. Chapin. Mrs. Bowker, presiding, spoke feelingly of the severe bereavement the Board had sustained in the loss of these valued workers, and gave many touching incidents of their lives and last days, showing their great love and devotion to the work of foreign missions.

The usual report of the Home Secretary was followed by a very interesting address by Mrs. P. L. Atkinson, of Japan. A fine paper entitled "Object Lessons," was then given by Mrs. J. P. Cowles, of Ipswich, bringing out the idea that true and earnest Christians, more especially the missionaries, in their arduous labors, are "object lessons" that should have great influence on those associated with them. The closing exercise was a poem, "You and Me," read by Miss E. H. Stanwood, Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange. The singing of the chant, "Thy will be done," and a solo by Miss S. C. Guild, added much to the interest of the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 17th and 18th, commencing at 10 A. M. Wednesday. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1882.

MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas. Bath, Aux., \$12; Madison, Aux., \$3; Auburn, High St. Ch. and Soc'y, const. L. M. Miss Frances C. Little, \$25; Saccarappa, Aux., \$13.50; Albany, Mrs. Lovejoy, \$5; Gorham, "Little Neighbors," \$35; Augusta, Aux., \$50; Bridgton, Aux., \$15; Norridgewock, Aux., \$10; Machias, "Um zumbi Circle," \$15; Rockland, Aux., of wh. \$25, by a friend, const. L. M. Mrs. J. J. Blair, \$50; Monson, "Sunshine Band," \$5,		\$238 50
Total,	\$238 50	

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.*—Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas. Acworth, Aux., \$9; Frances-town, Aux., \$5.50; Mrs. D's S. S. Cl., \$5; Greenland, Mrs. Louisa P. Weeks, const. L. M. Mrs. Laura F. Weeks, \$30; Hampton, Aux., \$30; "Mizpah Circle," \$15; Hanover, Aux., \$50; Hollis, Aux., \$14; Kensington, Friends, \$2.50; Meriden, Aux., \$10; Merrimack, Aux., \$10; Mount Vernon, "Buds of Promise," of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Alice Perkins Campbell, \$30.08; New Ipswich, "Hillside

Gleaners," of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. J. E. F. Marsh, Jr., \$30; Newport, A Friend, const. L. M. Mrs. Dexter Richards, \$25.83; Nashua, Aux., \$17; "Union Mission Circle," \$75; North Hampton, "Mission Circle," \$30; Oxford, "Young Ladies' Circle," \$25; East Derry, Mrs. Martha Day, \$5. Expenses, \$5, \$413 96

Total, \$413 96

## VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Stowe, Aux., \$20.25; Jericho, Aux., \$40; Shoreham, Aux., \$16; Orwell, Aux., \$77.83; East Corinth, Aux., \$13; Danville, Aux., \$27; Burlington, Aux., \$50; Cambridge, Aux., \$7.60; Guildhall, Aux., \$5; Rutland, Aux., \$29.40; Bradford, Aux., \$20.20, East Hardwick, Aux., \$8; "Young Ladies' Soc'y," \$5; Windsor, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. J. W. Thompson, \$32.50; Mrs. John T. Freeman, const. L. M. Miss Nellie L. Wyman, Cornish, N. H., \$25; Miss Calista Stone, const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah E. Hall, \$25; Mrs. A. Butler, const. L. M. Mrs. Marsh O. Perkins, \$25; Greensboro, "Mission Circle," \$1.75; Newbury, Aux., of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Mrs. H. H. Deming, Mrs. Edwin Bailey, \$64; S. S., prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Mattie Chamberlain, \$12.75; Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, \$2; Mrs. H. G. Barker, Fairhaven, \$3; Lyndonville, "Mission Circle," \$4.24; Johnson, Aux., const. L. M. Miss A. R. Hill, \$28; West Brattleboro, "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," \$18; Lyndon, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. L. W. Hubbard, \$27; Rupert, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Ira Sheldon, \$25; Chester, Aux., \$23.50; Westminster, Aux., \$15; Windham, Aux., \$16.10; Enosburgh, Mrs. E. H. Powell, \$4.50; "Young People's Mission Circle," \$17.52; "Missy Helpers," \$17.98; St. Johnsbury, So. Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Henry Fairbanks, const. L. M. Mrs. C. E. Putney, \$36.51; Woodstock, prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Esther D. Dana, \$20; Morrisville, Aux., \$6.25; Bennington, Aux., \$27.50; Brookfield, 2d Ch., \$15; Clarendon Aux.,

\$2.75; Waterbury Aux., \$14.50; Peru, Aux., \$10; "Mission Circle," \$1.40; McIndoes, "Mission Circle," \$10; Vergennes, \$25; Miss C. Sutton, N. Y., \$10; Quechee, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Luther Cady, \$10; Haverhill, Mass., Mrs. Gyles Merrill, thank-offering, const. L. M. Miss Matilda P. Goulding, Rutland, \$25; Avails of ring sent by Mrs. Montgomery, Marash, Turkey, const. L. M. Mary Montgomery, \$26.70; West Westminster, "Mission Band," \$25. Expenses, \$18, \$954 73

Total, \$954 73

## MASSACHUSETTS.

*Attleboro.*—2d Ch., Aux., const. L. M's Mrs. G. D. Spaulding, Miss M. J. Capron, \$50 00  
*Berkshire Branch.*—Mrs. S. N. Russell, Treas. Pittsfield, 1st Ch., \$7.60; Curtisville, \$10.80; Housatonic, \$74.32; Williamstown, Sen. Aux., \$200; Gt. Barrington, \$55; Adams, of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. A. E. Taylor, \$40; Hinsdale, prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. C. C. Robinson, \$20.94; So. Pittsfield, \$20.10, 423 76  
*Brockton.*—G. W. Alden, 25 00  
*Chelmsford.*—Prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Mary M. Whitney, \$17; Misses' S. S., and E. K. Torrey, \$10, 27 00  
*East Braintree.*—Mrs. E. F. Stetson, 5 00  
*Essex No. Conf. Branch.*—Mrs. A. Hammond, Treas. Georgetown, 1st Ch., Aux., 15 55  
*Essex So. Conf. Branch.*—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Lynn, Central Ch., Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Lucilla Pease, \$25; 1st Ch., of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Mrs. S. Ellen Newhall, Miss Louisa Perry, \$75; No. Ch., Aux., \$16; "Young People's Mission Circle," const. L. M. Mrs. James L. Hill, \$25; Georgetown, Memorial Ch., Aux., \$10; Salem, Tabernacle Ch., Aux., \$13; So. Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Mansfield, const. self L. M.; \$25, by a friend, const. L. M. Miss Eliza R. Atwood, \$374; Topsfield, Aux., \$40; So. Peabody, "Do What We Can Mission Circle," \$6.19; Beverly, "Centreville Mission Circle," \$30, 614 19  
*Franklin Co. Branch.*—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Ashfield, \$4; Conway, \$26; Green-



field, \$24.68; Orange, Aux., \$22; "Little Cedars," \$10; Northfield, Trin. Ch., \$10.30; Shelburne, \$15.12; So. Deerfield, \$8.63, \$120 73

*Hampshire Co. Branch.*—Miss Isabella G. Clarke, Treas. Northampton, Aux., Edwards Ch. Div., \$51.30; Hadley, Aux., \$50.20; So. Hadley, "Mission Circle," \$6, 107 50

*Leicester.*—Mamie D. Thurston, 1 05

*Lowell.*—Aux., High St., Eliot, and John St. Ch's, \$123; S., \$1.50, 124 50

*Marion.*—Aux., 5 00

*Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. E. H. Warren, Treas. Wellesley, Aux., of wh. \$75 const. L. M's Mrs. P. D. Cowan, Mrs. Mina Wiswell, Miss Rebecca Kingsbury, \$210; "Young People's Miss'y Asso.," \$14; Marlboro, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. Abby Metcalf, \$60; Framingham, "Buds of Promise," \$50; Maynard, Aux., \$28.35; Saxonville, Aux., \$32.25; Natick, Aux., \$25; Hopkinton, Aux., \$48.50; "Mission Circle," \$1.35; Holliston, Aux., \$11; Fitchburg, C. C. Ch., \$13.45; Lincoln, Aux., \$30; S. S., \$25; Southville, Aux., \$12; Southboro, Aux., \$16.50, 577 40

*Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Mrs. Franklin Shaw, Treas. Rockland, Aux., \$47; Braintree, "Happy Workers," \$5.75; Marshfield, "Mayflower Mission Circle," \$20, 72 75

*Orleans.*—Aux., 7 00

*Rockport.*—"Bird's-Nest," 7 40

*So. Royalston.*—Aux., 20 00

*Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. West Springfield, Park St. Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. A. Bagg, const. L. M. Miss L. M. Bagg, \$98.50; "Helping Hands," \$20; 1st Ch., \$88; East Longmeadow, \$45.75; "Young Disciples," \$5; A Friend, \$10; Springfield, 1st Ch., \$47.81; "Circle No. 2," \$17.72; "Cheerful Workers," \$3; "Mission Circle," \$6.61; Olivet Ch., \$34.98; No. Ch., \$85; Hope, \$10; Memorial Ch., \$60.05; S. S., \$40; Mutual Cl. of Ladies, \$42; "Young Ladies' Guild," \$40; "Mission Circle," \$30; Indian Orchard, \$28.17; Chicopee Falls, \$6; Wilbraham, \$6; Ludlow Center, \$17.35; Chicopee, 1st Ch., \$21.69; 3d Ch., \$14.18; Palmer, 1st Ch. (Thorndike), \$20.25; 2d Ch., \$43.42; Monson, Mrs.

Seymour's S. S. Cl., \$56; Blandford, \$30; Hampden, \$18.11; Agawam, \$42.53; Holyoke, \$210; Westfield, 1st Ch., \$214; Free-will offering, \$100; "Light-Bearers," \$40; 2d Ch., \$107.48; "Scatter Good Soc'y," \$5, \$1,664 60

*Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. Boston, Berkeley St. Ch., \$106; "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," \$25; So. Boston, Phillips Ch., S. S., \$68; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., \$63.50; "Ehott Star Circle," \$8; "Anderson Circle," \$5; "Mayflowers," \$3; "Thompson Circle," \$1; "Olive Branch," \$1; "Ferguson Circle," 50 cts.; Immanuel Ch., \$12.40; West Roxbury, So. Evan. Ch., Aux., \$48; Cambridge, "Union Aux.," Shepard Ch., \$128.76; No. Ave. Ch., \$160; Charlestown, "Ladies' Mission Circle," \$15.90; Waverley, "Faithful Workers," of wh. \$25 const. H. M. Master David Heald, \$43.63; Newton Centre, Aux., \$7; Dedham, "Asylum Dime Soc'y," \$2; Hyde Park, const. L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth T. Willett, \$25; Walpole, "Young Harvesters," \$65, 788 69

*Woburn Conf. Branch.*—Winchester, Aux., \$59; Woburn, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. G. A. Bean, and \$25 by Mrs. M. J. Keyes, const. L. M. Miss R. M. Leathe, \$25 by Miss R. M. Leathe, const. L. M. Mrs. M. J. Keyes, and \$25 by Mrs. John Cummings, const. L. M. Miss L. J. Valentine, \$140, 199 00

*Worcester.*—Mrs. Abby R. Smith, 20 00

*Worcester Co. Branch.*—Mrs. G. W. Russell, Treas. West Brookfield, Aux., \$50; Clinton, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Adaline Lawrence, \$46.30; "Clinton Workers," \$14.45; Oxford, Aux., \$5; "Lambs of the Flock," \$10; Westboro, Aux., const. L. M. Miss Sara B. Griggs, \$64; Warren, Aux., \$38; Blackstone, A Friend, \$1; Shrewsbury, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Miss H. E. Miller, \$29.50; Athol, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. Susie Merrill, Mrs. Fred. Allen, \$30.30; Grafton, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. R. A. Keith, Mrs. G. K. Nichols, \$39; Millbury, Aux., 2d Ch., prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. Abby VanOstrand,

Mrs. H. W. Sweetser, Mrs. A. M. Lincoln, \$45; Leicester, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Cynthia White, \$100; Worcester, "Woman's Miss'y Asso.," Salem St. Ch., \$55; Central Ch., const. L. M. Mrs. Mary A. Lathe, \$7.480,	\$602 35
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —Aux.,	9 50
Total,	\$5,492 97

## LEGACY.

Legacy of Tryphosa French, Sandwich,	\$50 00
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## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Eastern Conn. Branch.</i> —Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. East Lyme, \$6.50; Jewett City, const. L. M's Mrs. W. A. Browning, Mrs. Susannah Johnson, \$50; Bozrah, Two Friends, \$4; West Killingly, \$60; Wauregan, \$10; Stonington, 1st Ch., "Agreement Hill Aux.," \$8; New London, 1st Ch., \$73.80; 2d Ch., of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Misses Nellie M. and Alice H. Smith, \$89.05,	\$301 35
<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Mrs. Charles A. Jewell, Treas. Windsor, Aux., \$30.50; "Splinters of the Board," \$50; Ellington, Aux., \$10; Somersville, "Mission Circle," \$35; Enfield, "King St. Mission Circle," \$10; Glastonbury, Aux., \$100; Southington, \$20; Plainville, Aux., \$58; Collinsville, Aux., \$20; Talcottville, Aux., \$14; Rockville, prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. L. H. Hall, \$12; Hartford, Center Ch., \$5; "Dorcas Mission Circle," \$5; Wells children, \$2,	371 50
<i>Newtown.</i> —In Memoriam, Mrs. Fowler	31 50
Total,	\$704 35

## LEGACIES.

Legacy of Mrs. Phebe Browning, New Haven,	\$382 00
Legacy of Miss Susan Bradley, Cheshire,	317 20
Total,	\$699 20

## NEW YORK.

<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Mrs. G. H. Norton, Treas. Poughkeepsie, "Opportunity Mission Circle," \$1; Pulaski, \$15; Jamestown, const. L. M. Miss Harriet N. Hazeltine, \$26; Norwood, \$18.50; Oxford, \$36; Warsaw, \$91.29; Rochester,
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"Mt. Hor. Miss'y Friends," \$17; Yonkers, Mrs. H. C. Haydn, \$15; Elizabeth C. Haydn, \$10; Spencerport, \$60, Albany, S. S., \$27.52. Expenses, \$24.05,	\$293 26
<i>North Evans.</i> —"Ladies' Mission Circle,"	5 67
<i>Troy.</i> —"Desert Palm Soc'y,"	5 00
Total,	\$303 93

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Mrs. Samuel Wilde, Treas. <i>New Jersey</i> , East Orange, Grove St. Cong. Ch., \$47; "Proctor Mission Circle," \$80; Orange, Trinity Cong. Ch., Aux., \$31; "Mission Circle," \$30; Orange Valley, Cong. Ch., Aux., \$100.76; Newark, Belleville Ave., "Mission Band," \$25; 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$60; "Workers for Jesus," \$84.50; Plainfield, Aux., \$10; Vineland, Aux., \$23.65; Bound Brook, Aux., \$35; "Beavers," \$15; Paterson, Aux., \$9; Jersey City, Aux., \$48.14; Montclair, Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Edward Sweet, const. L. M. Mrs. Irene D. Grover, \$102.20; "Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y," \$30; <i>Maryland</i> , Baltimore, Aux., \$90.75; <i>D. C.</i> , Washington, Aux., \$14.10; <i>Virginia</i> , Herndon, Aux., \$5.40; Falls Ch. Aux., \$6.50. Expenses, \$53,	\$800 00
Total,	\$800 00

## OHIO.

<i>Toledo.</i> —3d Ch.,	\$25 00
<i>Windham.</i> —"Young Ladies' Mission Band,"	40 00
Total,	\$65 00

## IOWA.

<i>Belleville.</i> —Cong. Ch.,	\$3 60
Total,	\$3 60

## FOREIGN LANDS.

<i>Tungcho, China.</i> —"Woman's Miss'y Soc'y,"	\$10 83
Total,	\$10 83

General Funds,	\$8,987 87
LIFE AND LIGHT,	195 21
Weekly Pledge,	6 21
Leaflets,	8 79
Legacies,	749 20
Total,	\$9,947 28

Miss EMMA CARRUTH, Ass't Treas.

# Board of the Interior.

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## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

7TH ST. CONG. CHURCH, CINCINNATI, Nov. 1, 1882.

BY MRS. S. J. HUMPHREY.

ALTHOUGH Cincinnati is in the easternmost State of our wide district, yet there were delegates from the Rocky Mountains on the opposite extreme, and the wheat prairies of the far North-West, some traveling the breadth of a full thousand miles to be present. Almost every intervening State was represented, a full car-load going from Chicago alone.

A welcome at the square-towered church, and a startling ride up a weird elevator, which lifted car, horses, and all in mid-air, and landed us on the encircling bluffs, with the lights of the city starring the world beneath, took us away from the ordinary level of life, and made ready for the uplifted thought of those two days of looking upon the outspread needs of the world. To Chicago eyes the cliff-girt city is fairy-land. The villa-crowned heights, charming Eden Park, the sculptured fountain, where near \$200,000 worth of life-like bronze gives water to the thirsty — we had eyes for them all, and thanks for the side-pleasures of the Master's errand.

The session opened on Wednesday morning, with one hundred and twelve delegates in attendance. Mrs. Moses Smith, the President, read the account of the Tabernacle, made after the divine pattern, and of the Temple rising noiselessly, its stones being shaped at a distance; and spoke of woman's mission-work, like these, guided by the Spirit, and fashioning silently, in scattered circles and homes, here a bit of carving, there a polished gem, for the "temple not made with hands." Mrs. Haven gave thanks that, by invitation of the King, we are permitted to enter this blessed service.

Then a cordial hand-grasp was exchanged with the sisters of different denominations helping on the other parts of the temple. Mrs. Dr. Duncan, from the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Hamilton, from the Methodist, Miss Peabody, from the North-West Presbyterian, and Mrs. Fox, from the Union Missionary Society brought kindly words and helpful thoughts. The letter from the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific, our

loving daughter, begs us to come next October and rejoice with her in her tenth birthday. The kindly word from Boston, on which we can always rely, came in a letter from Mrs. Pratt.

The cordial welcome of Mrs. Frank S. Fitch, wife of the pastor at whose church the sessions were held, was full of sympathy with all mission-work, among other things saying of China, "The time will come when not the number of Chinese *curios* we possess, but the number of messengers we have there, will be our joy." This peculiarly choice and beautiful greeting was fitly responded to by Mrs. Blatchford, of Chicago.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Leake, then answered the question of chief interest: What has been the financial result of the year's work? Each State had made a gain over last year, the total amount, including about \$4,000 from the young ladies, being \$29,897.20—an advance of over \$3,500.

There was real enjoyment in being led by Mrs. Willcox through the Home report of our work. But tears fell for the companions who had dropped by the way—Mrs. Prof. Hyde, translated from one of our missionary picnics; Mrs. Robbins, the hostess of the next, following so soon after; and our dear Secretary, Miss Greene, called, by a distressing accident, to serve with those "who only stand and wait."

The letters, visits, and help of missionaries were gratefully recorded. Thirty thousand dollars were voted last year at Du-buque, but \$3,000 in addition seemed so absolutely necessary, that, with much prayer, it was assumed, hoping that enlarged work among the young ladies would make it possible. A committee of three undertook, and have nearly accomplished, the special and very great labor of securing \$4,400, for the Marash Girls' School-building, from the Junior Societies.

Early in the year the sum to be raised by our Board was divided among the States, and a list of appropriations was cordially accepted by each. Minnesota and Missouri are the only branches that have raised the full amount of the sums asked, but Michigan follows hard after.

The voices from the States show interest and zeal in almost every part. There are 150 new auxiliaries, including 35 young ladies' societies. Of these, 70 are regularly organized auxiliaries, having contributed \$10 or more. The total number is over 900. LIFE AND LIGHT has gained 2,400 new subscribers in two years, losing 649, giving us the income of \$437.50. The report closed with the following suggestions:—

1. That we employ and send out, for a limited time, one or more ladies who shall visit the churches in our behalf, especially

in those States that have not been favored with the visits of missionaries.

2. That each State branch be urged to adopt the list of appropriations assigned to it, pledging itself to make every effort to secure the full amount.

3. That, recognizing the untiring and successful efforts of our committee on young ladies' work, and believing that our young ladies' societies find in union their strength, we recommend that the list of appropriations for them be prepared by the Committee on Young Ladies' Work — with the understanding that they shall confer with the Appropriation Committee in apportioning it to the several States.

4. That inasmuch as our last year's income proved altogether inadequate to the cost of our work, we raise, the coming year, not less than \$35,000.

It was a happy thing to have an address from Mrs. President Angell, who had looked on our China missionaries from a diplomatic standpoint. She pictured them as cultured, noble women, fine students in Chinese, with keen minds and brave, cheery hearts, at home in diplomatic parlors as well as in the poorest Chinese huts. Through the "Street of Lights and Lanterns" (prophetic name) she led down a passage, past the dirty rice-man, the pig-tailed children, and the repulsive woman, then turned into the mission compound, where vines and roses outside, and the gifts of friends inside, made the rooms of our missionaries beautiful for the sake of the Chinese girls who have such dreary homes. We thank Mrs. Angell for her loving words about our missionaries; and we thank her more that, while in Peking, she "made the Legation of the United States the 'House Beautiful' for the servants of the King of kings."

The prayer-meeting which closed the forenoon, led by Mrs. Rebecca P. Reed, had for its chief burden our young missionaries. God knits us together by family ties in order that when one is sent away on his errands, there may be strong chords binding her to home-prayers and sympathies. The missionary is blessed who has a mother behind her. To the others, in special manner, our Board must be the mother.

In the afternoon, following prayer by Mrs. Bateham, of Ohio, came Mrs. Blatchford's comprehensive and compact report of the labors and environments of our missionaries. It is a most interesting and valuable document, which should be thoroughly studied by all the auxiliaries, and kept for reference. It is impossible to give a summing up of its contents; it is itself the carefully prepared summary of a great amount of correspondence.

We have eight boarding-schools wholly or in part dependent upon us, also twenty village-schools and ninety-two Bible-readers. We are building Marash Seminary, and support thirty-six missionaries. The five new names are: Miss Mary E. Brooks, Erzroom, Turkey; Miss Etta C. Doane, Marash, Turkey; Miss Estelle Fletcher, Micronesia; Miss Belle E. Haskins, Mexico, and Miss E. M. Brown, Japan.

Mrs. Blatchford had taken us to the homes of all our missionaries; Miss Rankin led us in bringing them to the Lord in prayer.

Mrs. Baird gave Mrs. Purington's message to the one hundred and thirty-five societies of young ladies: "The record of your work this year will not be forgotten in the history of the Board, nor in the heart of the King. Far away in Central Turkey, seventy-five miles beyond the blue Mediterranean, there is slowly rising, stone by stone, the witness of your endeavors—the walls of a college for the higher education of girls. Eighteen pupils are already studying, and Miss Barnes, the principal, longs to send you, every one, some expression of her joy and gladness for your part in this home."

In a graceful and earnest little speech, Miss Clara Mackay welcomed the young lady delegates "as Christian girls who are clasping hands together for the help" of "the other girls."

Then came forward the returned missionaries, introduced by Mrs. Haven as "a band of sisters, working, as sisters do, far apart, but now at home"—Miss Shattuck, from Central Turkey, Miss Taylor, from India, Miss Rankin, from Mexico, Misses Dudley and Parnell, from Japan, and Mrs. Logan, from Micronesia.

Miss Shattuck bade us pack our treasures in saddle-bags, and start with her from Scanderoon. We almost seem to have put out to sea again as we cross the sandy plain to Bitlis. Farther on is Aintab. We catch a distant glimpse of its college on the hills outside, and, among the summits of the city, we reach our Girls' Seminary. There is Bartina—an old woman, now, with a lovely, calm, and noble face. When she was a child, though it was a shame, she coaxed her grandfather (an Armenian priest) to teach her to read; and thus, when the missionaries came, she was the only reader out of 40,000 women, and became the nucleus and helper of the school which was the home of Miss Proctor for twenty years, and the mother of the Marash Seminary. Miss Shattuck gave vivid pictures of Christian character which had grown out of corrupt natures. Her safest escort had been a highway robber. A helpless old man, with the happiest of faces, lay thirty-eight years on his cot, keeping all sweet around him by his gentle words.

There are consciences tender to read God's message. Jacob, an earnest Christian boy, had worked his way to the ministry; but his mother hardly consented to his absence. Her oldest son came into the house, lay down, and died. The mother said: "I know what this means. When my other son plead to go and preach the gospel, my lips said 'Yes,' while my heart said 'No.' I thought, 'If he is sick, away from home, who will care for him?' But now this son has died close to me, and I could not help him. God can take better care of Jacob than I can; he may go wherever the Lord calls him."

The meeting reached one of its culminating points on Wednesday evening. An overflowing audience and choice music greeted President Angell, of the Michigan University, recently United States Minister to China. After devotional services, conducted by Rev. F. S. Fitch and others, he gave an address of great interest. He bore strong testimony to "the character, talent, and tact of our missionaries, and to the efficiency, and success, and necessity of their work." From the nature of Chinese beliefs and character, he showed that Christianity *must go first*, before our civilization and ideas can prevail in China. "I was very much impressed," he said, "with the thought that the fruit of Christianity is infinitely superior to that of any of these Eastern heathenisms. It makes a truthful people, elevates woman, founds charitable institutions, teaches that government is made for the governed, establishes international law, searches for all truth. Nine-tenths of all science has been developed by Christianity. A religion of this kind is not to be labeled and packed away with Confucianism, etc., as *one* of the religions. That which is the best truth and the highest truth shall conquer, the wide world over. It will take on new beauties from the brilliant qualities of Eastern lands, and be recognized as the only religion for all lands and all characters.

This address was followed by one on "Tributary Forces," from Mrs. Moses Smith. God said, "Let us make man in our image;" and man is the reason for all things that be. Just as the preparatory forces of nature made ready for his coming, so all the energizing powers of modern progress are tributary forces in his restoration to his lost estate. Every new discovery is but making another of nature's powers work for the salvation of the world.

The developed wealth of the nations, their great commercial enterprises, are powers waiting man's hand to turn them into channels for God's helpful purposes. "I think," she said, "if God is ever ashamed of the work of his hand, it is when men are niggardly in using his gifts for the building up of his kingdom." There is power in the present mobility of peoples, — in the chang-

ing status of woman, and especially in Woman's Boards of Missions. This is the test age of the world's history for woman. It is not political power but Christian consecration which shall enable her to meet the test and bear the world higher.

The State Branch reports, presented in the forenoon of the second day, were admirably prepared and given. They showed great gain in offerings and in interest, especially among the young ladies and children. Mrs. Talcott, of Rockford, brought Mrs. Taylor's report for fourteen months of work in Illinois, showing that \$9,561.40 had been received, 17 associational meetings held, 1,000 subscribers for LIFE AND LIGHT secured, and 44 new auxiliaries formed — the whole number being 198. At the annual meeting, \$15,000 were pledged for the coming year. Mrs. Coburn brought Miss Sewell's report from Wisconsin. Their 80 auxiliaries have every one been heard from. Last year they gave \$2,000; this year \$2,500; for next year they pledge \$3,000. Mrs. Hall, of Omaha, had come six hundred miles to present the greetings of Nebraska. With only 11 self-supporting churches out of 127, they have 18 auxiliaries, support one missionary, and have given three to the field. Miss Shattuck had come from Colorado to represent the Rocky Mountain Branch. It has 11 auxiliaries, with 150 members; its gifts are \$300; its hope is to raise \$500 next year, and, by supporting Miss Brooks, of Erzroom, link the Rocky Mountains to the Taurus. Dakota has two Branches — the Northern an infant of days. The Southern reports hopefully through Mrs. H. G. Clark. Its contribution was \$277. Kansas is doing faithful service. She sends this year \$247, and furnishes a new missionary, Miss Haskins, whom, though we have not seen, we welcome gladly. Mrs. Wheeler, of Dubuque, presented Mrs. Parker's report from Iowa. It shows progress, though they have not quite reached the \$3,300 laid on their hearts. There are 52 auxiliaries in full; 25 do not quite attain that privilege, 12 helping Sunday-schools, and 23 bands of messenger-birds. Mrs. Kassick, of Michigan, reported \$4,364. The watchword of the young ladies is \$1,000 for Marash; of the children, \$100; for the Hadjin Wall, 680 copies of LIFE AND LIGHT are taken. Miss Metcalf reported for Ohio: 1,000 copies of LIFE AND LIGHT taken; 130 auxiliaries, with 3,500 members, giving \$4,621, \$1,101 of which is from the younger societies. Mrs. Haddock, of Michigan City, sent the report of Indiana, where there are but 37 Congregational churches. The interest is growing. There are six auxiliaries, giving \$124.63 — again on the previous year. Mrs. Scales, of St. Louis, spoke of increasing interest in Missouri, with much self-denial, and its consequent Christian growth. They have 7 new auxiliaries, and have given \$1,473. Mrs. Plant's report from Minnesota was



spirited and inspiring. There are ten new societies in that State of prosperous centers and vast frontiers. One hundred dollars more than the amount assigned has been contributed. The annual meeting pledged \$2,000 for the coming year. And thus these home missionary States "take up the foreign missionary work with fresh courage and renewed zeal."

The report of the Committee on the Home Secretary's report, presented by Mrs. Angell, heartily appreciated the work done, especially by "The King's Young Daughters," and presented as resolutions the closing suggestions:—

Nos. 1 and 4, advising the sending out of ladies to the churches, and the raising of \$40,000 in place of the \$35,000 recommended by the Secretary, elicited earnest discussion, with many pointed and suggestive thoughts.

There was a peculiarly intelligent sense of the responsibility incurred by such action. The enthusiasm of the meeting reached a high point, but it was not until after the deep, tender prayer-meeting, led by Mrs. Blatchford, and the noon recess, that the vote was finally passed to adopt the resolutions as a whole. The report on the Treasurer's report, by Mrs. Talcott, pointed in the same direction, naming \$40,000 as the mark. Mrs. Gale, reporting for the Committee on the Foreign Secretary's Report, made strong entreaty for prayer. "It is the burden of the requests from all the missionaries. Prayer is the choicest gift for the healing of the nations." Miss Taylor, from India, begged for prayer for Christian girls in heathen homes. Mrs. Haskell said she had seen people starving in Bulgaria, but none so hungry looking as those asking about Jesus.

An "alabaster box" of prayers and gifts from an invalid in Minnesota touched many hearts. A vote was passed adopting Miss Flora J. Hale, of Michigan, as one of our missionaries; and a collection of over \$50 made her a life member, together with a baby in Missouri, our youngest ally.

For a hearty laugh with a tender moral, one should read "Aunt Mehitable's Visit to the 'Wimmen's' Board," sent by Miss Pollock as her contribution, and read by Mrs. Kassick. The discussion on "Seed-Sowing" brought out many hints. There was a general expression of desire for outlines of study for mission bands.

Mrs. Logan's delightful address, with a few very welcome words from her husband, closed the day. She took us, with the "Morning Star," through all the Micronesian groups to the distant Ruk Islands, and gave us a glimpse of the clusters still beyond, asking for light. But the "Morning Star" can go no farther in its

year. Can we not have a steamer? "I have endured a thirty-days' calm. I have sailed seventy-nine days with hungry-eyed children and a periled life. I have waited for supplies till there was but half a loaf between ourselves and hunger. It is with real danger to life that these risks are incurred. Are men more plenty than money?" "No mission-field yields so large returns for the expense as Micronesia. The work in the Caroline Islands is wonderful. The people support their native teachers. The 'Morning Star' is the only expense."

Mrs. Kumler, of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Branch, gave a hearty Godspeed at the parting. The invitation to meet next year at Milwaukee, Wis., was accepted. Mrs. Baird expressed, as well as words could say, our gratitude for the boundless hospitality that had made our visit one of such especial enjoyment. We have delightful memories of the social opportunities afforded by the four bountiful repasts served in the building by the ladies of the two churches; of the courteous helpfulness of their husbands; of the kindly homes opened in the various denominations; and of the "messenger-birds" whose flittings brightened all the sessions.

With one more night on the bluffs, and a morning view from the hill-top of the early sun gilding the rising tufts of smoke which told of a new day of toil beginning in the working world beneath, we came away from Cincinnati—the summit where we had seen the upper, the heavenward side of the Saviour's work; and, with Him closer to us, we have come down into the working plain for another year of service.

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## APOSTOLIC MISSIONS.

BY MISS SARAH POLLOCK.

[We bring the study of missions before our readers this year in a new form, which we hope will commend itself to their approval. In three or four introductory lessons we shall review missionary work previous to the present century, leaving eight or nine lessons to be devoted to successive periods in the history of our own American Board and the Woman's Boards. This very cursory view of this wide subject will prepare the way for a more minute study of the work and the workers the succeeding year.—Ed.]

As THE Apostles were specially prepared for their great mission by Christ, it is reasonable to suppose that their work constitutes, in all essential points, a model for subsequent missions. Let us carefully note, as we study, the spiritual nature of the means used by them, their methods of work, and the character of the churches they gathered.

What warrant had the Apostles for their missionary work? Mark xvi. 15; Acts i. 8.

- What gift was essential to their success? Acts i. 8.
- What providential event overcame the reluctance of the Church to leave Jerusalem? Acts viii. 1.
- Which of the twelve Apostles first entered upon the work beyond the vicinity of Jerusalem? Acts viii. 5.
- With what success? Acts viii. 6.
- Who came to assist him? Acts viii. 14.
- Were many cities reached at that time? Acts viii. 4, 25.
- Where did Philip next go to preach? Acts viii. 26.
- Were any cities reached in that tour? Acts viii. 40.
- What part did Peter take in the foreign work? Acts ix. 32; chapters x., xi.; 1 Peter i. 1; v. 13.
- Did any others assist? Acts xi. 19-22.
- Who was the great missionary to the heathen? Acts ix. 15; xiii. 47.
- How was he prepared for the work? By Christ himself. Acts xxii. 10; xxiii. 11; 1 Cor. ix. 1. By special revelations. Acts xxii. 17; 1 Cor. xii. 1-7.
- What means did he use in his work? 1 Cor. i. 5.
- What is supposed to have been his first missionary tour? Into Arabia. Gal. i. 17.
- Where is his next missionary work supposed to have been done? In his native province, Cilicia. Gal. i. 21.
- At what city were Paul and Barnabas specially set apart for the foreign work? Acts xiii. 1, 2.
- What places were visited on their first tour?
- What were the principal incidents recorded?
- Had the idea of organizing local churches been developed at this time? Acts xiv. 23.
- What memorable conference freed the Christian Church from Judaism, and settled it upon a purely spiritual basis? Acts xv.
- At what date did this conference occur? About A. D. 52.
- What places were visited on Paul's next tour with Silas? Acts xv. 40, 41; xvi.; xvii.; xviii. to 23 v.
- What induced Paul to carry the gospel into Europe? Acts xvi. 9, 10. Date? About A. D. 52 or 53.
- What new churches were planted during this journey?
- To which of these churches were epistles written which have benefited the Church in all subsequent generations?
- What deeply interesting events occurred on this tour?
- What places were visited on his next journey, and what notable events occurred? Acts xviii. 23 to xxi. 17.
- How did Paul's final journey to Rome aid in spreading the gospel?

Do we find that women had any part in this work? Acts xvi. 14, 15, 40; xvii. 4, 12, 34; xviii. 26; Rom. xvi. 3-5; Acts xxi. 8, 9; Rom. xvi. 1, 2.

From what grade of society were the churches largely made up? 1 Cor. i. 26.

Did the churches gathered from the heathen by the Apostles excel in Christian character the churches gathered by our missionaries now? 1 Cor. i. 11; v. 1; vi. 7; Gal. i. 6; iv. 9. Col. iii. 9; 2 Thess. iii. 6.

Were the Apostles at first supported by the people for whom they labored? 1 Cor. iv. 11, 12; ix. 12; 1 Thess. ii. 9.

What do we learn of the principles of Christian giving in apostolic times? Acts iv. 34, 37; xx. 35; 1 Cor. xvi. 2; ix. 14.

How many places are named in the New Testament in which we may reasonably suppose churches were planted by the Apostles, in Judea, Syria, Samaria, Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece, the Mediterranean Islands, and Italy?

As aids to the study of this subject, See Anderson's "Foreign Missions," published by the A. B. C. F. M., which may be obtained at 75 Madison Street, Chicago; Fisher's "Beginnings of Christianity;" Ullhorn's "Conflict of Christianity and Heathenism in the First Three Centuries."

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"WE cannot find anything about the *Life and Light* lesson. Pray send us something about the lesson," is an appeal that comes often to the Woman's Board Rooms, East and West. Missionary information is something not easily obtained. When we are seeking for it, we are often reminded of the Texan ranchman's remark about his pistol: "He did not want it every day, but when he did want it he needed it very much, and right away." We ought to have our ammunition always by us. And so the old *Missionary Herald*s and *Life and Lights* should be treasured carefully, for the day when we need them very much is sure to come. But to meet the wants of those who have not kept them, or who wish to find something always ready at hand, we issue this week the first number of a new monthly leaflet, which is to contain information about the lessons, gathered from many sources. We have been advised by our friends to give it various small names, such as "The Annex," "The Postscript," "The Rushlight," and others, but none of these things move us. Mindful of the faithful, thorough work that will be put into it by Miss Pollock, who prepares our lessons this year, and of the earnest, prayerful study which is constantly given to these lessons, we gave it a more simple and dignified name, "Mission Studies." We are to make a cursory review this year of the way in which God has led the missionaries of his Church: Westward with the course of empire, Eastward, again, to the help of those who have a name to live and are dead, and Northward and Southward, till the earth is encircled with such a line of lights that the darkest spots catch some glimmer of the dawn; and we may truly say, "The morning cometh." And this year, or the next, we hope to study God's personal dealings with those through whom this great work has been wrought. We beg our friends to send in their subscriptions, 20 cents a year, to 75 Madison Street, Chicago, without delay, that we may be able to make our new leaflet self-supporting. And we ask your prayers that, if this thing is of the Lord, it may grow and prosper to the help of his work.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 18 TO OCTOBER 22, 1882.

OHIO BRANCH, \$225 02  
 Total, \$225 02

MICHIGAN.

*Benzonia*, for Miss Spencer, 33;  
*Ceresco*, 1; *Homestead*, Aux.,  
 for Miss Spencer, \$5; sale of  
 curiosities sent by her, \$3.55;  
*Watervliet*, for sch. at Diar-  
 bekir, 3, \$45 55  
 Total, \$45 55

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS BRANCH.—Mrs. Lu-  
 ther Bradley, of Aurora,  
 Treas. *Cambridge*, 7.50; *Chi-  
 cago*, Leavitt St. Ch., const.  
 L. M. Mrs. T. T. Gurney, 25;  
*Creston*, 6.73; *Elgin*, 82.05;  
*Geneseo*, 11; *Geneva*, 4; *Jack-  
 sonville*, "Y. L. Soc.," for  
 Marash, 15; *Providence*, 6.35;  
*Rockford*, 2d Ch., for Miss  
 Diamant, 58.55; *Waverly*, for  
 Miss Evans, 25.50; *Wayne*, 3.65.  
 Branch total, \$245 33  
*Chicago*, 1st Ch., for Miss Pat-  
 rick, 25; Leavitt St. Ch., 6.11;  
 New England Ch., for Miss  
 Chapin, 176.52; Plymouth  
 Ch., for Miss Barnes, 24; South  
 Ch., 5; Tabernacle Ch., 2;  
 Union Pk. Ch., for Miss Ha-  
 ven, 98.75. Chicago total,  
 337.38; *Evanston*, for Miss  
 Porter, 6; *Lawn Ridge*, Aux.,  
 10; "Young People's Miss'y  
 Soc.," for Marash, 5; Mrs. G.  
 R. Ransom, for H. Iknadosia,  
 at Edgin, 5; *Ravenwood*,  
 2.09; *St. Charles*, 5; *Gales-  
 burg*, 1st Ch. of Christ, for  
 Elizabeth Winyan, 35, 405 47  
 Total, \$650 80

IOWA BRANCH.

Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell,  
 Treas. *Cedar Rapids*, for  
 Hadjin Wall, 25; *Chester Cen-  
 ter*, 18.21; *Decorah*, 5; *Grin-  
 nell*, 21; *Miles*, 10; *Reinbeck*,  
 for Bridgman Sch., 12, \$91 21  
 Total, \$91 21

MISCELLANEOUS.

*Wisconsin*, a friend, for office  
 expenses, 5; *Kansas*, Leaven-  
 worth, for Miss Wright, 36.25;  
*Colorado*, Denver, 2d Ch.,  
 5.50; *China*, Peking, 25 cts., \$47 00  
 Income from new subscrib-  
 ers to LIFE AND LIGHT, 437 50  
 Total, \$1,497 08  
 Previously acknowledged, 28,400 12  
 Total for year, \$29,897 20

RECEIPTS FROM OCT. 22, 1882, to NOV.  
 18, 1882.

OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H.  
 Ely, of Elyria, Treas. *Ando-  
 ver*, for Mrs. Renville, 7.22;  
*W. Andover*, for Mrs. Ren-  
 ville, 7.13; *Cincinnati*, Vine  
 St., 10; *Clariden*, for Miss  
 Parsons, 13; *Conneaut*, 15;  
*Findlay*, 12.25; *Huntsburg*,  
 for Miss Parsous, 9; *Lyme*,  
 21; *Medina*, 10; *Oberlin*, Aux.,  
 for Miss Newton, 113, College  
 Young Ladies, for Marash,  
 25; *Ruggles*, 12.40; "Mission  
 Band," for Marash, 10; A  
 Friend, 5; *Wakeman*, for  
 Karaghaj Sch., 7.05; *Berea*,  
 2.25; "Y. L. Soc.," 5; *Brook-  
 lyn*, 17; *Chardon*, for Miss  
 Parsons, 12; *Freedom*, for  
 sch's near Cesarea, 9.27; *Gene-  
 va*, 25; *Kent*, 15; *Lock*, 5;  
*Meadville*, Park Ave., 34, for  
 Samokov Sch.; *Mt. Vernon*,  
 "Y. L. M. Soc.," for Marash,  
 20; *No. Monroeville*, 8; *Rich-  
 field*, for Miss Parmelee, 2.50;  
*Saybrook*, for Mrs. Renville,  
 10; *Tallmadge*, for sch's near  
 Cesarea, 10; *Twinsburg*, for  
 Miss Parmelee, 25; const. L.  
 M. Miss H. F. Parmelee, 25.  
 Branch total, \$502 07  
*Marietta*, 1st Ch., "Children's  
 Mission Circle," for Marash, 50 00  
 Total, \$552 07

## MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, of Jackson, Treas. <i>Church's Corners</i> , const. Mrs. S. Mead L. M., 25; <i>Dowagiac</i> , "Little Gleaners," for Marash, 10.35; <i>Dundee</i> , Mrs. Hall, 1; Miss Nellie Hall, 1; <i>Grand Rapids</i> , 2d Cong. Ch., for sch. at Monastir, 10; "Sunbeam Band," for Marash, 2.50; <i>Hudson</i> , 20; <i>Jackson</i> , for Miss Hollister, 32.34; Young Ladies, for Marash, 25; <i>Lansing</i> , Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Kobe Home, 38; <i>Manistee</i> , for Miss Irvine, 35.	
Branch total,	\$200 19
<i>Columbus</i> ,	6 00
Total,	\$206 19

OMISSION.—Union City should have been credited with \$17 for Miss Irvine in the November LIFE AND LIGHT. The amount was included in the total.

## WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN BRANCH. Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. <i>Alderly</i> , for Marash, 1; <i>British Hollow</i> , birthday gift of Mrs. E. L. Davies, 5; Golden Text class, 60 cts.; <i>Fox Lake</i> , 27.35; <i>Ft. Howard</i> , for Marash, 5; <i>Janesville</i> , 30; <i>Milwaukee</i> , Grand Ave. Ch., "Y. P. M. Soc.," 20.50; <i>Potosi</i> , "Mission Band," 1.40. Less expenses, 1.81. Branch total,	
<i>Ripon</i> , "Y. L. Soc.," for Marash, 10; <i>Lake Mills</i> , S. S., for Marash, 4,	\$89 04
	14 00
Total,	\$103 04

## IOWA BRANCH.

Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. <i>Atlantic</i> , for Bible-reader in Lower Hadjin, 13.70; <i>Charles City</i> , 10; <i>Council Bluffs</i> , for Bible-reader in Zeitoon, 17.78; <i>Grinnell</i> , S. S., for Marash, 50; <i>Monticello</i> , 10.82; <i>Oskaloosa</i> , Aux., for work in Turkey, 33.50; "Little Helpers," for work in Turkey, 1.50; <i>Ogden</i> , Aux., for Bridgman Sch., 11; "Busy Bees," for Bridgman Sch., 56 cts.; <i>Traer</i> , for Bridgman Sch., 14.30; <i>Whitesboro</i> , 4.30; <i>Waucona</i> , for Bible-reader in Samokov, 5,	
	\$172 46
Total	\$172 46

## ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS BRANCH.—Mrs. Luther Bradley, of Aurora, Treas. <i>Danvers</i> , 7.50; <i>Dundee</i> , for Kobe Sch., 27.94; <i>Farmington</i> , Aux., 34; "Y. L. Soc.," 10; <i>Forest</i> , 5.10; <i>Galesburg</i> , "Philergian Soc.," of wh. 30 for Miss Brown, of Hadjin, and 20 for Marash, 50; <i>Geneseo</i> , "Band of Sisters," for sch. in Sis, 13.20; <i>Lisbon</i> , 2; <i>Oneida</i> , "Y. L. Soc.," for Marash, 1.50; <i>Providence</i> , 5.60; <i>Shirland</i> , 3; <i>Streator</i> , Aux., 4.50; "Cheerful Workers," for Marash, 83 cts.; <i>Turner</i> , "Cheerful Workers," for sch. at Manisa, 10; <i>Udina</i> , 4.	
Branch total,	\$179 17
<i>Bartlett</i> , 2; <i>Chicago</i> , Miss Ives, for Marash, 5; <i>Tabernacle Ch.</i> , 2; <i>Galva</i> , 15; <i>Greenville</i> , harvest offering of Ch. and S. S., 11.13; <i>Waukegan</i> , const. L. M. Mrs. J. G. Slafter, 25,	60 13

## MISSOURI BRANCH.

Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3,101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. <i>Cameron</i> , for Miss Tucker, 10; <i>Lebanon</i> , 10; <i>St. Louis</i> , Pilgrim Ch., 7.50; <i>Stokes</i> , Mound Ch., for Miss Tucker, 5; <i>Webster Groves</i> , for same, 25,	
	\$57 50

## KANSAS.

For Miss Wright: <i>Exeter</i> , 6; <i>Garden City</i> , 2.75; <i>Junction City</i> , 3; <i>Leavenworth</i> , 4.80; <i>Wyandotte</i> , 30.51,	
	\$47 06
Total,	\$47 06

## COLORADO.

<i>Longmont</i> , for Marash, 10; <i>Greeley</i> , for Miss Brooks, 10; <i>South Pueblo</i> , for same, 5,	
	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## TENNESSEE.

<i>Memphis</i> , 2d Ch,	
	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Collection at Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, const. Miss Flora J. Hale and a little child L. M's, 50; Sale of socks, donated, 5.75; cash, 10 cts.; sale of "History of Jennie Chapin Helpers," for Marash, 10.21,	
	\$66 06
Total,	\$66 06
Total since Oct. 22,	\$1,478 68

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## HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE PACIFIC.

[Read at the Anniversary Meeting, in October.]

As our auxiliaries report themselves on this occasion, and our Recording Secretary tells us of the condition of the home field, it seems needless for the Home Secretary to occupy the time of this meeting with a lengthy report.

Remembering the oft-quoted proverb that "Nothing succeeds so well as success," it would be indeed a pleasant thing were we able to report a marked development of the missionary spirit in the last year, as shown in the formation of new societies, and increased activity in the old ones: it might inspire us with such courage and zeal as would result in greater successes in future. But what if fidelity to truth forbids a cheering report, and it must be said that we have lost rather than gained, or, at best, have simply held our own, while in some cases indifference has succeeded to the interest once felt in foreign missions! Need such a report discourage us, and make us falter in our work? Ought it not, rather, to lead us to rouse ourselves anew, and, earnestly seeking the reason for such declension or failure, labor to speed on this precious work for Christ, as though jealous for our part in it, and as though we realized how swiftly the night is approaching when our work will be done.

And now let us briefly look over our home field, and consider how we stand, and what are the possibilities of an increase of our resources as a Board of Missions.

We have in this State, with those in Nevada and Arizona, ninety-four Congregational churches and fifty-nine pastors; of the

thirty self-supporting churches, twenty-two have missionary societies auxiliary to our Board. Many of them have two or more, counting the societies of young people and children. In two more of these churches have been missionary societies which might be reported as dead, but which we prefer to consider in a state of suspended animation. We expect to see them restored to life.

In the home missionary churches we have five auxiliary societies. Some societies do not appear in our Treasurer's report this year at all. Societies organized as auxiliary to us have, doubtless for reasons satisfactory to themselves, turned their contributions into other channels, perhaps not realizing that, as auxiliaries, they are pledged to contribute to our treasury.

The churches of Oregon, as a rule, seem inclined to give directly to the American Board, though expressions of sympathy and donations in money have not been wanting from some of them.

We also have friends and helpers in Washington Territory, whose words of cheer strike a responsive chord in our hearts, and with whom we hope in future to be more closely bound in Christian love and work.

In Fidalgo Island is a small band of earnest women who, to attend a missionary meeting, ride some miles on horseback, and then take a boat, to attend the meeting so dear to their hearts. We ought to give these women a vote of thanks for the inspiration furnished by such an example.

Scattered over this State are Christian women who love the missionary work, but who live in places where it is not practicable to organize missionary societies. From these sometimes come words of love, and gifts for our treasury, and encouragement for the future. As an instance, I will read some extracts from a letter from Mrs. Palmer, lately of Saratoga.

She writes: "I want to assure you that, though we have no auxiliary here, we have followed your work with interest, as it has come to us from week to week in *The Pacific*, and at each monthly concert the work of the Board has been presented by several persons. We are a small band here, and we thought we could reach the ear of a larger number in this way than by holding separate meetings, but I think the formation of an auxiliary here one of the possibilities of the future. I think there should be both an auxiliary and a board of mission workers among the children in every church. If this reaches you in time for the report of this year, please ask the Treasurer to add to her account \$2.50 from three of our ladies."

By far the larger part of our churches are feeble, and their growth slow. They lack the means needful for the successful cul-



tivation of the field right about them, and some believe that the interests of Christ's kingdom would be most promoted by concentrating all they do upon the home work. They do not see it a duty to send anything to the heathen in distant lands. Shall we censure them? Perhaps they mistake. Must not a genuine missionary spirit embrace in its scope the whole world? and is it not a conceded fact that the development of this spirit always helps and never hinders the home work?

If our gifts must be small, let us remember that it is quality, not quantity, that the Lord of the treasury considers. Let us remember what He said of the widow who cast two mites into the treasury; and if our gifts are mites, let us take heart, if we give them in the spirit of that widow. How many of us in our giving expect the commendation bestowed upon her!

In our Treasurer's report some of the items may seem insignificant; but if they represent self-denial, and are given as a testimonial of love to Christ and the souls he died to save, who dares despise them? Rather, let us honor them, love them, and expect God's blessing to accompany them.

It is, indeed, with us a "day of small things;" but we look to the future with hope, and resolve to strive with more prayerful earnestness and fidelity to develop the resources of our field; and we will not be discouraged if, when comparing ourselves with others, what we are able to do seems so little; for

Little by little the world grows strong,  
Fighting the battle of right and wrong;  
Little by little the wrong gives way,  
Little by little the right has sway."

Mrs. E. A. WARREN.

REGRET for lost opportunities is no uncommon shadow across the path of this world's inhabitants. Whatever the nature of the mission may be, the result is the same — a helpless, hopeless wishing for the return of the opportunity, and, at the same time, a dreary consciousness that nothing is more impossible. Of course there are innumerable degrees of regret: some have intensity enough to last a lifetime; some are light enough to fade away in a few days; but none are so slight as not to be unwelcome, as not to leave the one in fault with a sense of failure and shortcoming altogether humiliating.

Now the Lord gives us a fresh year to begin. If he keeps us at work through the whole of it, let the unwritten report of each of us be full of opportunities improved. If any are to be called away before its close, the diligence cannot begin too soon. — *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE PACIFIC.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1882.

<p><i>Received from</i> — Cephas Aux., 1st Cong. Ch., San Francisco, \$187.55; "Delta Sigma Soc.," \$50, <span style="float: right;">\$237 55</span></p> <p>Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$59; Ply- mouth Ch. and chapel, for quilt made by Mrs. Sawyer, of Santa Barbara, \$16; Mrs. Reuben Morton, of Plymouth Ch. S. S., const. Mrs. John Kimball L. M., \$25, <span style="float: right;">100 00</span></p> <p>Green St. Ch., San Francisco, "Centennial Band," \$25.20; Green St. Ch., San Francisco, S. S., \$34.85, <span style="float: right;">60 05</span></p> <p>Third St. Ch., San Francisco, \$50; 1st Cong. Ch., Oakland, \$529.30, of wh. \$100 fr. Mrs. J. Knox, and \$100 fr. Mrs. S. Richards, \$25 fr. Mrs. J. K. McLean, const. L. M., not named; \$25 fr. Mrs. G. M. Fisher, const. Miss Ethel T. Fisher L. M.; "Y. L. M. Soc.," 1st Ch., \$31.15, <span style="float: right;">560 45</span></p> <p>Plymouth Ave. Ch., \$40.40; Berkeley, S. S., to support a child in Broosa, \$20; Berke- ley, "Aux. Soc.," \$31.35; Berkeley, "Theodora Soc.," \$26.15; Miss Callisper Vas- tow, of Berkeley, for work in Broosa, \$20, <span style="float: right;">97 50</span></p> <p>Riverside, \$20.45; Grass Val- ley, \$26.50; San Mateo, \$5; Peseadero, \$7.20; Santa Bar- bara, \$83; Anacortes, W. T., \$6.30; Olympia, \$3.50; Skoko- mish, \$5; Nordhoff, Mrs. Thos. Barrows, \$5; Santa Cruz, Aux., \$37; Santa Cruz, "Cheerful Workers," \$55, <span style="float: right;">92 00</span></p> <p>Rio Vista, \$70, of wh. \$15 const. Miss Ethel Dinsmore L. M. and \$25 const. Lucretia Garfield Gardiner L. M.; Merced Falls, Mrs. Nelson, \$5; Cloverdale, const. Mrs. S. A. Lambert L. M., \$27; Clo- verdale, "Mountain Bees," \$5, <span style="float: right;">102 00</span></p> <p>"Tolman Band," Mills Sem- inary, const. Mr. Edward Kimball L. M., \$25; San Jose (\$48 of wh. fr. last year), \$75.- 35; Los Angeles, \$15; Fair- view, from two farm laborers,</p>	<p>\$1.20; Stockton, \$26; Benicia, \$12.20; Sacramento, \$66.40; Ferndale, fr. Mr. Coombs, to make Mrs. C., A. M., \$2.50; Mrs. Wyman, \$10; "Pesca- dero Pebbles," Mrs. M. L. Merrett, \$16; for missionary quilt, 40 cts.; Collection at anniversary meeting in Los Angeles, \$49.40; a bed-quilt, donated by Mrs. Mead, of South San Juan. <span style="float: right;">\$299 45</span></p> <p>Total cash receipts this year, \$1,806 35 Cash on hand at beginning of year, <span style="float: right;">352 84</span></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total cash, <span style="float: right;">\$2,159 19</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISBURSEMENTS.</p> <p>October, 1881.—Sent to A. B. C. F. M., Mr. L. S. Ward, Treas., \$317.45; Paid Bacon &amp; Co. printing programmes, \$3.75; Paid for bookcase for W. B. use in <i>Pacific</i> office, \$15; December.—Paid Mrs. Wat- kins' money, given for pur- chase of building in Mexico, \$107.50. February, 1882.— Paid Mrs. Watkins, per order of the Board, \$100. Septem- ber 25.—Sent to A. B. C. F. M., Mr. L. S. Ward, Treas., \$1,000, <span style="float: right;">\$1,543 70</span></p> <p>Leaving cash on hand, <span style="float: right;">\$615 49</span></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MRS. R. E. COLE, Treasurer W. B. M. P.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.</p> <p><i>Also received from</i>—Bethany Ch., San Francisco, \$20; Red- wood, \$14; Los Angeles, \$1.70; Saratoga, \$2.50; Hydesville, \$3; Petaluma, \$18.60; Clay- ton, \$5; Sonoma, \$20, <span style="float: right;">\$84.80</span></p> <p>Which sums will be credited to the above auxiliaries in the next Annual Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MRS. R. E. COLE, Treasurer W. B. M. P.</p>
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